

Nov. 22, 1924.

Miss Mary Lou Sharman,
Cuthbert, Ga.

Dear Cousin Mary Lou;

I received your letter of Nov. 17th and was very glad indeed to hear from you. I was in Americus Wednesday and did my best to run over and see you but I could not spare but a day and it required all the day to go down and come back and transact the business I had over near Leslie.

I want to acknowledge receipt of the gold pen and I certainly appreciate it as having belonged to your Mother, my Aunt Edith Louise Sharman. I also appreciate the photograph you have sent me and it is very much like one that was taken by Aunt Lou Black when she was a young lady while I was a boy. I have that photograph that was given to me by my Mother at her death, it is a tin type like yours but the face is peeled off but it has the same colors attached to it in the making as yours has.

I remember the old time fringe or lace when I was a child that my Mother use to have in her work basket taken from dresses made before the War when she was a girl and it was very much like the lace on your dress when your picture was taken. This was a long time ago, over 50 years but we must all try to live in the future and not too much in the past, if we live too much in the past things seem too long and dreary but if we look forward to the future then our life is happier and our burdens are more easily cast off. I also acknowledge receipt of the tatten lace yoke sent me for Jessie. Jessie has been in Chicago at the Lyceum Arts Conservatory since September but she will be home about the 20th. of December and we will present it to her and she will write you. We will not send the yoke on to Jessie because she will be home in about three weeks you see and she would hardly have time to write you before coming as she is taking a special instructions in voice and her time is fully taken up.

Durward is now in England taking a special instructions in the big cotton mills in England. His address until Dec. 15th is D.C. Collier c/o Hotel Midland, Manchester, England and any letters mailed to him before Nov. 25th. will reach him before he leaves Manchester. After Dec. 15th. he will then visit all the other large manufacturing Cities in England, Scotland, Germany, France etc. but he will be hard to reach by mail as he will be jumping about spending two or three days in each town, of course I will be able to reach him but no one else will. If you feel like dropping him a card

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wishing him good luck do so but kindly mail it before Nov.25th.

He will also visit Stone, England, which is in Staffordshire County, and which was the original home of Robert Collier in 1570 who later moved to London England but he is buried at Stone which is about 60 miles out from London. I am working on all this data now, have it all practically complete but haven't been able to place it together on account of being busy with other lines.

The chickens came to hand in good shape. I was out of town when they reached here but noticed them this morning and they are simply beautiful. I don't see how you selected them so perfect, I never saw a prettier red chicken. Jessie has requested me to thank you for them, she looks after the chicken department of the home altho this year we did not raise any young chickens.

With my very best regards always, I beg to remain

Most Sincerely,